

M. A. Weston

Souvenir Programme.

Second

Annual
Football
Game...

Carlisle
Indians

..vs..

University
of
Illinois.



At Jackson Field,

(Formerly Coliseum Gardens.)

Cor. 63d Street
and Stony Island Avenue.



On Saturday,
November 19, 1898.

The University of Illinois Football Team has long ranked as one of the leading teams of the Central West, and its list of graduates contains the names of many players yet prominently before the public. Huff, Sweeney, Baum, Sconce, Pixley, Slater and Parker are known by reputation to nearly every follower of the game.

This year's team is practically a new aggregation. Only Captain Johnston, Hall, Wilmarth and McLean were on last year's 'varsity. Of five men commonly chosen as members of the All Western team, Sweeney, Fischer, Shuler and Coffeen have graduated. Only Captain Johnston remains. A new line has been created, and the work of bringing the team into form for its championship contests has been exceedingly difficult. Two-thirds of the team is new. In all of the earlier games this season, the team was handicapped by the absence of its experienced members, most of whom were on the injured list. In every line-up at least nine new men would be included. But hard work and good coaching have wrought wonders. Huff, Smith, Baum, Sweeney and Parker have succeeded in creating team play of a high order. The backs, Wilmarth, Cook, Hall and Johnston are unusually fast, and combine with their speed and dash on offensive play ability of a high order in defense. McLane is a reliable and steady center. King and White, both new at the guard positions, are strong in defense. McCormick and Clayton are aggressive tackles, and excel in breaking interference. Adsit, Francis and Lindgren are fine tacklers, the first named being quick to get down the field on punts.

The stars of the team are undoubtedly the backs. Besides proficiency in the lines already mentioned, Wilmarth, Cook and Johnston are good punters. Johnston is a fair drop-kicker.

No satisfactory comparison can be drawn between this year's team and those of previous years. The hard games—Michigan, Carlisle and Minnesota—all come in close succession near the end of the season. It is confidently believed, however, that if defeat comes to Illinois in any of these contests, it will be only after a hard struggle, in which victory long trembled in the balance.



University of Illinois Foot Ball Team, 1898.